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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois were grievously saddened by the untimely death of Rita Ann Harmony of Springfield on November 1, 2004; and

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WHEREAS, She was born March 23, 1949 to Lewis and Anna Romanotto Harmony in Springfield; and

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WHEREAS, Rita graduated from Sangamon State University in 1981 with a master's degree in political science; she worked for Sangamon State University in the Illinois Legislative Study Center from September 1981 to November 1983; she then joined the Illinois Department of Transportation in 1983 and worked as a legislative analyst for 21 years; she was of the Catholic faith; she was also a devoted animal lover, an avid consumer of mysteries, and she possessed and offered a critical knowledge of politics; and

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WHEREAS, The death of Rita Harmony has left a deep void in the lives and hearts of her family and many friends to whom she brought happiness and affection; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Rita Ann Harmony is felt by all who knew and loved her, especially her parents, Lewis and Anna Harmony; her brothers, Michael (Linda) and David Harmony; her nieces, Andrea (Jamie) Hardison and Erica Harmony; her aunts, uncles, and cousins; and her cherished cat, Skitzzy; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that even as her death is mourned, we give thanks for the blessing of Rita Ann Harmony's life and extend our sincerest condolences to her family and friends, whose grief we share; and be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
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3 sympathy.